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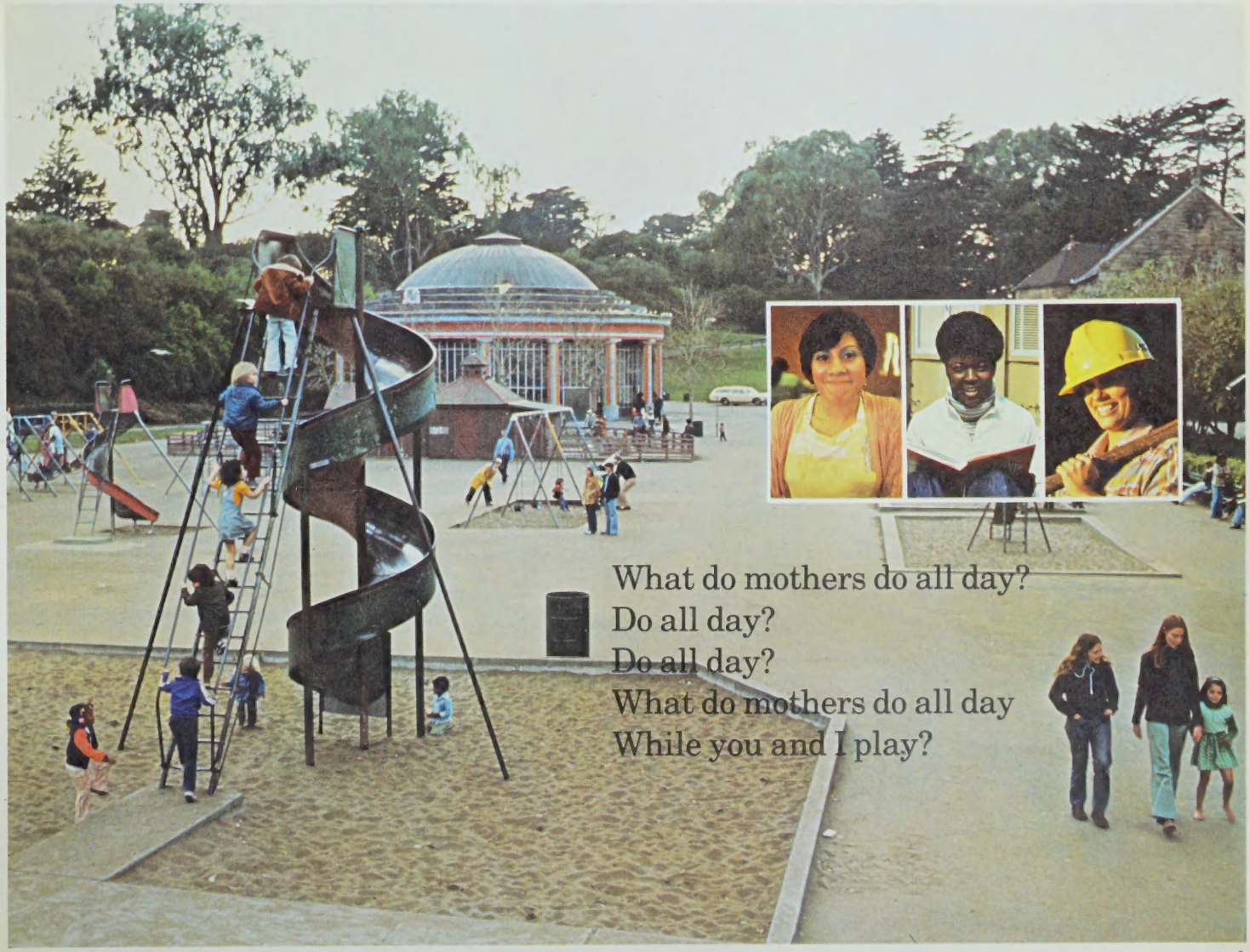
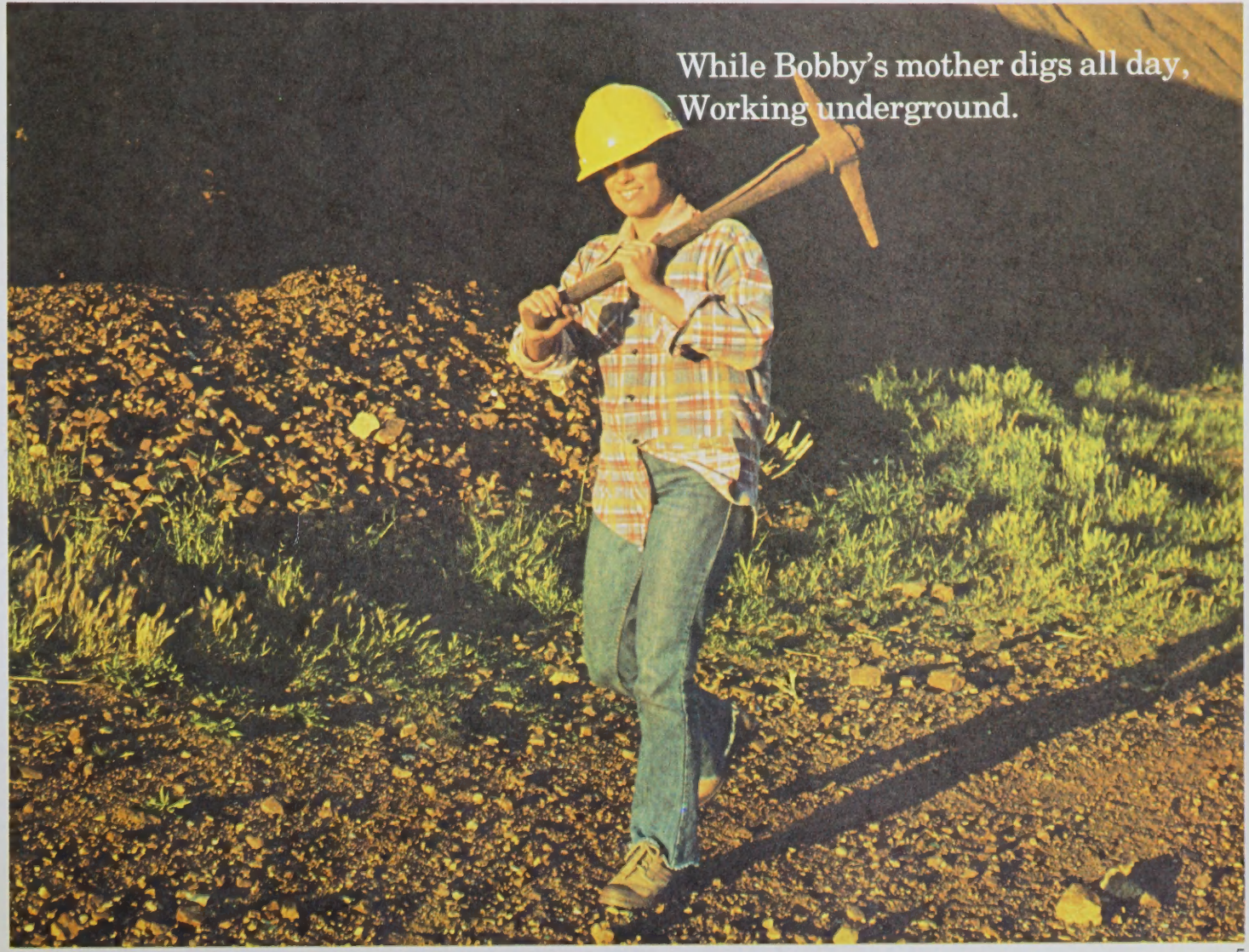


What do mothers do all day?
Do all day?
Do all day?
What do mothers do all day
While you and I play?

Mary's mother goes to college.
She studies hard.

Joe's mother plants good things to eat,
Working in the yard.

Maria's mother works in a bank.
She goes downtown,


While Bobby's mother digs all day,
Working underground.

Pepe's mother holds the baby
And rocks him when he cries,

While Betty's mother shops the stores.
Just look at all she buys!

Johnny helps his father cook,
Since mother travels far,

While Judy's mother is really special.
She works on all the cars!

Sheri's mother teaches gym.
She helps kids run and play,

While Larry's mother cooks and bakes
For parties and for pay!

Isn't it great what mothers can do?
Run a race. Tie a shoe.
Fix a car. Cook a stew.
Travel to countries across the sea.
Help build tall buildings. Plant flowers and trees.
Then write a poem for you and for me!

Yes, a mother can do marvelous things!
But mostly it's the love she brings. . . .

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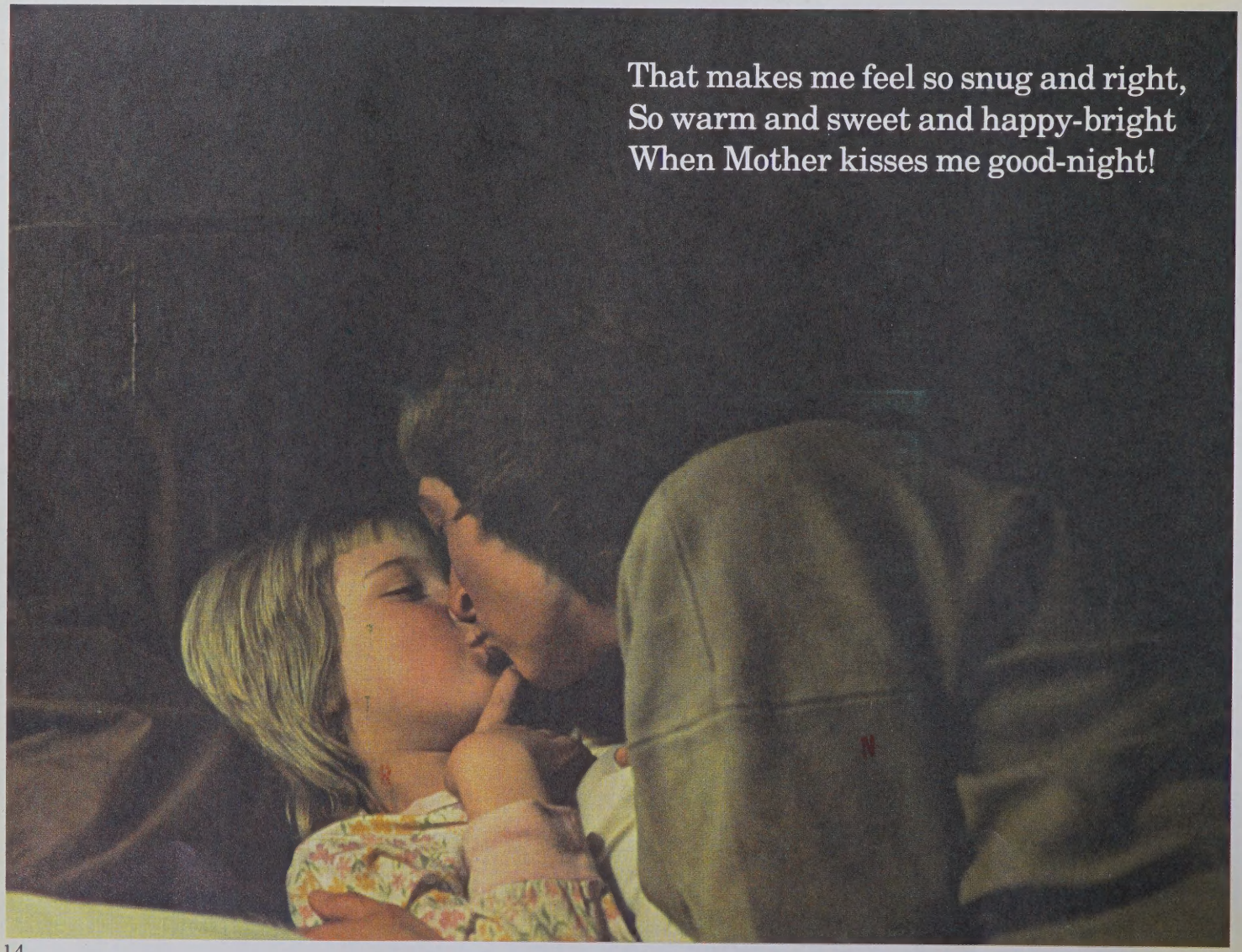

That makes me feel so snug and right,
So warm and sweet and happy-bright
When Mother kisses me good-night!

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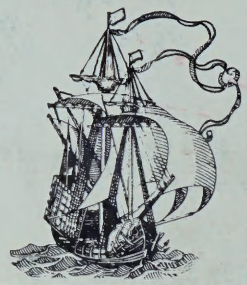

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